

**Minutes of Meeting of Municipal District of Carlow  
Held in the Town Hall, Carlow  
On Thursday, 26<sup>th</sup> May, 2016.**

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**Present:** Councillor J. Cassin, Mayor,  
Councillor A. Ahern  
Councillor J. Pender  
Councillor F. Browne  
Councillor J. Deane  
Councillor F. Phelan  
Councillor W. Lacey  
Councillor W. Paton  
Councillor B. O'Donoghue

**In Attendance:** Ms. B. O'Brien, Director of Service  
Mr. P. Harrington, Senior Executive Engineer  
Mr. E. Brophy, Senior Executive Officer  
Ms. K. Nolan, Clerical Officer  
Mr. H. Nolan, Gateway Supervisor

**Confirmation of Minutes**

Approval of Minutes of Meeting held on 28<sup>th</sup> April, 2016

Proposed by Cllr. F. Browne

Seconded by Cllr. A. Ahern and unanimously resolved following a show of hands

“That the Minutes of Meeting held on 28<sup>th</sup> April, 2016, were approved.”

**Set Date for Annual General Meeting**

It was Proposed by Cllr J. Pender

Seconded by Cllr. A. Ahern

And unanimously resolved following a show of hands

“That the Ordinary June Meeting and the Annual General Meeting be held on Friday, 10<sup>th</sup> June at 5.00 p.m.”

**Transportation**

***Carlow Town of Colour Presentation***

P. Harrington advised of a project in Carlow Town to present the town in a better light. He advised the Municipal District was working with a company called Advanced Coatings and invited Kate Gaynor from Advanced Coatings to give a presentation. Kate gave a presentation showing how they intended to assist in adding colour to the town. She advised

of the creation of a colour palette for Carlow town. Members thanked Kate for her presentation. P. Harrington advised that Municipal District staff had spoken to various property owners, many of whom had expressed interest. Kathryn Nolan advised the meeting on progress to date. P. Harrington advised that the Housing Department had agreed that social housing upgrades would include the new palette of colours. Pat, Kate and Kathryn answered questions from members.

### ***Gateway Scheme***

P. Harrington circulated a comprehensive document on the Gateway Scheme and spoke on it advising of all the works carried out by the members of the Gateway Team. He advised that Tullow Scheme had finished. One Carlow scheme will finish in July and the second scheme in Spring next year. Members congratulated all concerned with the scheme and all the participants.

Members thanked Henry Nolan in particular for his work with the Gateway team.

### ***TII Works Programme***

P. Harrington circulated a report on current works including:-

- (i) Roadside verge cutting areas map 2016
- (ii) Advertisement for road surfacing programme 2016
- (iii) TII funding applications 2016
- (iv) Graiguecullen junction traffic lights report 2016

Pat answered questions from members. Members welcomed the additional monies from TII. It was agreed to write to Gardaí requesting speed checks on N80 at Bagenall Cross.

### ***Carlow Town Parking Bye Laws Update***

The Mayor deferred this issue to the June meeting.

### **Planning**

B. O'Brien updated the meeting on the Tullow Local Area Plan and advised there would be a further workshop with members and she would revert with possible dates in June.

B. O'Brien answered questions from members on various planning issues.

### **Any Other Business**

Cllr. W. Paton raised an issue of lights at the rear of Tesco in Tullow and lands at rear of Tesco where there appears to be four owners of a small portion of lights. P. Harrington advised he would refer the matter to Carmel Kilcoyne.

Cllr. Ahern congratulated the Carlow Mental Health Group on their recent initiatives and campaigns. She requested we write to the HSE for an allocation of a second psychologist for Carlow Town. This was agreed.

Cllr. Pender asked P. Harrington to liaise with the Senior Engineer Roads re solar powered speed signs.

Cllr. O'Donoghue raised the issue of Carlow First Responders and promoted the Scheme. He also raised the issue banning election posters but it was noted that national legislation permitted posters, under the Litter Act. Cllrs. Paton and O'Donoghue suggested consideration be given to an informal "gentleman's agreement",

Cllr. Paton raised the issue of traffic calming at Slaney View. P. Harrington advised a 30 kph sign would be erected.

Cllr. Cassin suggested consideration be given to reopening the recycling centre at Kernanstown.

He commented favourably on progress on the footpath construction towards Bestfield.

He condemned outright the bomb alert at a local National School on Tuesday last. He suggested the Municipal District write to the school congratulating the teachers and management on their professional response to this distressing incident.

### **Parking Bye Laws**

P. Harrington advised that eighteen submissions were received, three of which were practical suggestions from staff. He advised that most other submissions requested that some element of the parking be free and that contact was made with other counties who operate some element of free parking and it is noted this causes its own challenges. A discussion took place on this issue and it was agreed to categorise the submissions and distribute to members.